Parent File W 862/Sale File WM 60428 - Barron County 39.13 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel in 1989 for \$19,000. It is a Statewide Extensive Wildlife Habitat parcel and is located in the Town of Almena in Barron County. This was acquired to complement the 69 acre parcel to the east. In cooperation with Ducks Unlimited, the plan was to construct a dam and flood the basin to develop a flowage. That plan was abandoned when the cost per acre of the flowage was deemed too high.

The Department has not made substantial investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the parcel. There is approximately 1,770 feet of two bank frontage on an unnamed stream on the parcel. It is outside the city limits, so discharge of firearms is allowed.

The parcel is accessible to the public through Hwy 8 on the south and 14 ½ avenue on the north.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.

Recommendation by the Natural Resources Board at the October 26, 2016 meeting directs the Department to retain this parcel.

